

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1531

Introduced by Assembly Member Bass

February 22, 2005

An act to add Section 60856.1 to the Education Code, relating to academic assessment.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1531, as introduced, Bass. Academic assessment.

Existing law requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction, with the approval of the State Board of Education, to develop a high school exit examination in English language arts and mathematics in accordance with state academic content standards. Existing law requires, commencing with the 2003–04 school year and each school year thereafter, each pupil completing grade 12 to successfully pass the exit examination as a condition of graduation from high school. Existing law requires the board, in consultation with the Superintendent, to study the appropriateness of other criteria by which high school pupils who are regarded as highly proficient but unable to pass the exit examination may demonstrate their competency and receive a high school diploma. Existing law requires the board to forward recommendations to the Legislature concerning any criteria deemed appropriate.

This bill would require the board to review any criteria deemed appropriate and make recommendations concerning that criteria to the Legislature by an unspecified date in February 2006.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 60856.1 is added to the Education Code,
2 to read:
3 60856.1. On or before February____, 2006, the State Board of
4 Education shall review any criteria deemed appropriate pursuant
5 to Section 60856 and shall make recommendations to the
6 Legislature concerning that criteria.

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